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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REQUEST ON GOOSE BAY CLOSURE

REF: OTTAWA 1343

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL AND IN LINE WITH DISCUSSIONS AT THE 138TH PJBD MEETING, EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOC THAT A WORKING TEAM FROM HQ SAC WILL VISIT OTTAWA ON 29 APRIL 1975. THE WORKING TEAM WILL PROVIDE PROPOSED USAF WITHDRAWAL PLANS AND POSSIBLE FUTURE USAF ACCESS REQUIREMENTS TO GOOSE BAY. THE TEAM WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ONLY AND WILL NOT CONSTITUTE US NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY. HEADQUARTERS SAC WILL PROVIDE LIST OF PERSONNEL TO ATTEND WORKING TEAM MEETING AND BILLETING REQUIREMENTS BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

2. INFORMATION PLANNED FOR PRESENTATION WILL BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. GENERAL STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS

(1) CONTINGENCY PLANS SUPPORT FOR ADC, MAC, SAC, AND TAC.

(2) SIOP SUPPORT

(3) DAY-TO-DAY/ENROUTE SUPPORT FOR AFSC SUCH AS IONOSPHERE

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B. FUTURE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS ALTERNATIVES

- (1) DISPERSAL BASE FOR FIGHTERS AND TANKERS
- (2) REMAIN-OVERNIGHT (RON) SUPPORT BY CIVILIAN CONTRACT OR CANADIAN FORCES.
- (3) MAINTENANCE OF POL STORAGE BY CIVILIAN CONTRACT OR CANADIAN FORCES.

C. ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS - GREEN PINE AT MELVILLE CANADIAN FORCES STATION-- CIVILIAN CONTRACT IN BEING REMAIN IN EFFECT.

D. PHASE-DOWN ACTIVITIES

- (1) FULL SCALE OPERATION UNTIL 1 JANUARY 1976
- (2) SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS AS USAF BEGINS WITHDRAWAL AFTER 1 JANUARY 1976
- (3) PROBABLE REQUIRED EXTENSION OF USAF PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN SHIPPING RETROGRADE MATERIALS TO CONUS
- (4) ANTICIPATE MAC/TAC ACTIVITY WILL CONTINUE TO 1 JULY 1976 AND BEYOND IF SUITABLE AGREEMENT WITH CANADIAN CONTRACTOR OR CANADIAN FORCES CAN BE ARRANGED.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOC THAT USAF INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN CANADIAN PLANNING AND THAT ANY INFORMATION CANADA CAN PRESENT CONCERNING THEIR PLANS FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF GOOSE BAY AIR BASE WILL BE HELPFUL FOR US AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH COORDINATED POSITIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. (FYI -- WE FORESEE NO CONCEIVABLE OPTION THAT WOULD REQUIRE USAF TO REMAIN AT GOOSE BAY IN ANY CAPACITY BEYOND THAT OUTLINED IN 2 ABOVE, AND WE ENVISAGE THAT USAF PRESENCE WOULD NOT EXCEED IO PERSONNEL PROVIDED WORKLOAD REQUIRED ANY USAF PRESENCE. END FYI.)
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